8. Cooperation in tne iield of Protection of Environment and Natural Resources: Areas of cooperation include on subjects such as global environment, climatic changes, depletion of the ozone layer, conservation of biological diversity, protection of tigers and Siberian cranes. Prevention of trade in endangered species. The facilitation of direct contacts between organisations (state, public and private). Tbe establishment of a working group. Forms of cooperation joint projects, exchange of information. Nodal agencies Ministry of Eniionment and Forests, India and the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources, Russia.

9. *Standardisation, Meterology and Certification;* Nodal agencies, Bureau of Indian standards and the Committees of the Russian Federation for standardisa tion, Meteorology, and certification : A sub-working Group to be established. Co operation in the field of standardisation, Meterology and certification. Joint re search and standards specimen checks.

10. Defence related agreements.

Protoco, to the Agreement on extending credit to tlie Republic oj India for financing long-term projects in the field of technical cooperation and for purchasing special equipment, dated September 17, 1992: The Protocol makes amendments to the September 17, 1992 agreement aad extends the period of utilisation of the credit till September 1996. US $ 830 million worth of special equipment is io he delivered under the Agreement. 5 per cent interest, 7 years ' maintained.

11. *Agreement on formation of indo-Russian aviation Pvt, Ud.* signed between Aviation Industries on Tndian and Russia sides. Indian Partners are Hindus-fan Aeronautics Ltd. and Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. The Russian partners are the Moscow Aircraft Production Organisation The Mikoyaa Design Bureau, State Corporation for Armaments Export 'Ro»-voorouzheniye' and the Ryazan State Instruments Plant.

The Joint Venture will soon be registered under Indian Law and wi'l provide a wide range of maintenance support and services to all aircraft of Russian origin in India and in third countries. The Joint Ventuie shall have an authorised share capita! of US Dollars 400 million. Equity 50 : 50.

Setting up of Food Processing Indus. tries in the State *of* Madhya Pradesh

2097. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal un der Government's consideration to make any assessment regarding potentiality of the State of Madhya Pradesh for the setting up of food processing industries; and

(b) what are the details and salient fea tures thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF IHE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOl):
(a) and (b) The assessment of potential of food processing industries in a State is done generally by the State concerned and the Ministry extends financial assistance under its Plan Schemes for studies ling identification of potentials. No request for assistance has been received from Madhya Pradesh for such studies.

ig up of Food Processing Industries

8, SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that 'he problem of unemployement in the country can be solved to some extent with the help of setting up of Food Processing Industries- and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOl): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have taken various steps to promote food processing industries which inter-alia include declaration of most food processing industries a_s high priority, delicensing of all food procesfing industries excepting distillation and brewing of alcoholic beverages, sugar and those items reserved for small scale sector, automatic approval of foreign equity upto 51 per cent in high priority areas and technology agreements, permitting foreign/NRI faestments, providing fiscal reliefs, etc.. Government is also operating various Plan schemes for promoting food processing industries including those in the small and tiny sector. As a result of various measures taken since liberalisation fill Tune, 94. 2680 Industrial EntrepremiM Memoranda have been filed for setting up of food processing industries involving an investment of Rs. 34,469 crores, approval for setting up of IOO[1] per cent Export Oriented Units, Joint Ventures, foreign collaboration, etc. in food processing sector have been granted involving an investment of Rs. 7.060 crores. These, when implemented are likely to generate and direct employment of 5,65,187 persons.

कृषि उत्पादों का प्रसंस्करण

2999. **श्री आस मोहम्मद :**
श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनका मंत्रालय कृषि उत्पादों के 34 प्रसंस्करण क्षेत्रों की ओर ध्यान केन्द्रित नहीं कर सका ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) कृषि उत्पादों के इन 34 क्षेत्रों के प्रसंस्करण पर और अधिक ध्यान देने के लिए सरकार और क्या-क्या प्रयास कर रही है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) से (ग) मंत्रालय खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग के उन क्षेत्रों जैसे खाद्यान्न प्रसंस्करण फल और सब्जी प्रसंस्करण, मांस तथा पाल्ट्री प्रसंस्करण उपभोक्ता उद्योग, दुध उत्पाद, गहन समुद्री मात्स्यिकी, मछली प्रसंस्करण, पैकेजिंग आदि के विकास के लिए प्रयास कर रहा है जो उसे आवंटित किए गए हैं।

investment proposal received to set up agro. based industries in Gujarat

2100. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amouni of investment proposals received during the las: two years to set up agi-icuHuie-hased rries in Gujarat State;

fb) what are the letail$_s$ of the foreign investment proposals approved during the said period; and

(e) by when action is likely to be taken r those proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF IHE MINISTRV OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOl}: in As per available information 191 Industrial i aicrpreneur Memoranda hav* been filed since liberalisation upto June, 1794 involving an investment of about Rs. 2,946 crores and employment of aboat 3,1,136 persons for setting up of Food Processing Industries in the State of Gu jarat. Approvals for Joint Venture foreign collaborations, setting un of Export Oriented Units etc. have been grasted involving an investment of about Rs. 78 crores.

(b) and fe) Foreign investment envisaged in respect of these proposals is about Rs. 712.80 lakhs.